

**MINUTES OF THE
HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday, June 19, 2018 • 8:30 a.m. • 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Senate Chair
Rep. Derrin R. Owens, House Vice Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Rep. Kim F. Coleman
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Kelly B. Miles

Rep. Val K. Potter
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley
Rep. Mike Winder

Members Absent:

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Rep. Brad M. Daw

Staff Present:

Mr. Spencer C. Pratt, Fiscal Manager
Ms. Lorna Wells, Session Secretary
Mr. Sean C. Faherty, Fiscal Analyst

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Call to Order

Chair Vickers called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Chair Vickers and Chair Owens gave opening introductions.

2 . 2018 General Session Review

Mr. Spencer C. Pratt, Fiscal Manager, discussed the Utah System of Higher Education 2018 General Session FY 2018 and FY 2019 Funding Items

[3a-2018 G.S. Summary - 6-19-2018](#)

Mr. Sean C. Faherty, Fiscal Analyst, explained the Utah System of Technical Colleges 2018 General Session FY 2018 and 2019 Funding Items.

[3b-2018 G.S. UTECH Summary 6-19-2018](#)

Mr. David L. Buhler, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education gave a brief report.

Sen. Dabakis asked some questions about enrollment trends. Comm. Buhler answered these questions.

Mr. David Woolstenhulme, Commissioner, Utah System of Technical Colleges gave a brief report.

Rep. Kwan asked a question about procedures for hiring in diversity. Comm. Woolstenhulme and Comm. Buhler answered this question.

Ms. Nina Barnes, Vice Chair, Utah State Board of Regents, discussed some of the recent work of the Board of Regents.

3 . Approval of minutes (February 9, 2018)

MOTION: Rep. Potter moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2018. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-12

Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. V. Potter
Sen. H. Stephenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. M. Wheatley
Rep. M. Winder

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. B. Daw
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

4 . Proposed Interim Discussion Items (for August 14 and October 16 meetings)

Chair Vickers discussed some potential agenda items for the next interim meetings.

[4-Interim Higher Education Agendas - Interim 2018](#)

Rep. Coleman would like to discuss student fees.

Sen. Stephenson would like information about the cost of non-completion as cost per degree is discussed. Chair Vickers asked Sen. Stephenson to work with the Board of Regents to gather this data.

Sen. Stephenson would like to look at on-line education and what other states are doing in this area.

Rep. Kwan would like to look at ethnic demographics and completion rates.

Rep. Potter would like to discuss compensation increases to employees.

Sen. Stephenson mentioned the SLCC TRIO program and discussed some proposed legislation about the importance of early support for at-risk students.

Chair Owens would like to drill down to more depth in the Nursing Program funding.

Chair Vickers said that they will try to prepare some documents as written reports for committee members to review before the next meeting.

5 . Review of Strategic Workforce Initiative Partnerships (Funded for FY 2017 and FY 2018)

Ms. Kimberlee Carlile, Director of Industry and Talent Initiatives, Governor's Office of Economic Development explained the Strategic Workforce Initiative programs.

Bridgerland Technical College

Mr. John Davidson, Vice President and Ms. Bonnie Campbell, Coordinator, IT STEM academy discussed the partnership with Utah State University for this program.

SWI Automation

Mr. Rick Orr, Manufacturing Engineering Technology Advisor, Weber State University, discussed the partnership with Weber State University and the USTC campuses in the automation program with the assistance of Ms. Allison Saunders, Associate Dean, College of Engineering Applied Science and Technology.

Composite Manufacturing

Mr. Michael Medley, Dean, Division of Business and Applied Technologies, Snow College discussed the composite manufacturing program.

Utah Aerospace Pathways

Ms. Kenzie Barth, Vice President of Technical Instruction, Davis Technical College, discussed this Utah Aerospace Pathways program.

Sen. Stephenson asked a clarifying question. Ms. Barth answered this question.

Sen. Stephenson asked for information regarding unused capacity. Chair Vickers reported this could be discussed when pipelines are discussed at a later meeting.

Tech Stacks

Mr. Derek Hadlock, Acting President, Dixie Technical College and Mr. Jordan Rushton, Vice President of Instruction discussed the Tech Stacks program.

Composites - Utah Aerospace Pathways Project

Mr. Roger Snow, Vice President for Instructional Services, Ogden Weber Technical College discussed the Composites Aerospace Pathways Project partnership.

Electronics Engineering Technology

Mr. Rick Bouillon, Associate Vice President, Workforce & Economic Development, Salt Lake Community College and Ms. Karah Altman, Marketing Manager discussed the Electronics Engineering Technology program.

Utah Aerospace Pathway - Granite School District & Salt Lake Community College

Ms. Sandra Hemmert, CTE Grant Coordinator, Granite School District discussed the Utah Aerospace Pathway program partnership with Salt Lake Community College

Software Development

Mr. Paul Hacking, President, Tooele Technical College discussed the software development program with the assistance of Mr. Mark Aiken, VP of Instruction

Computer Science

Mr. Brian Rague, Chair, School of Computing, discussed this program with the assistance of Ms. Allison Saunders, Associate Dean, College of Engineering Applied Science and Technology.

Chair Vickers asked about salaries in this program. Mr. Rague answered this question.

Life Sciences Pathway

Ms. Lianna Etchberger, Executive Director, Utah State University--Moab discussed the Life Sciences Pathway program.

Sen. Millner thanked all of the institutions for these partnerships to meet these regional needs.

Sen. Stephenson asked for more details regarding number of students, capacity, throughput and the amount awarded. The fiscal analysts will work with GOED to give some of this information to committee members.

6 . USHE Tuition Waivers - update and report on Board of Regents' action

Comm. Buhler reported on recent revisions for tuition waivers and reductions.

[6-Revision of Policy R513 - Tuition Waivers and Reductions](#)

7 . Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-14

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Nays-0

Absent-2

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Chair Vickers adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.